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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1656IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Applicant:** John Smit **Examiner:** D. J. Steadman  
**Serial No.:** 09/743,731 **Art Unit:** 1656  
**Filed:** April 25, 2001 **Docket:** 17581  
**For:** CLEAVAGE OF CAULOBACTER  
PRODUCED RECOMBINANT  
FUSION PROTEINS **Dated:** May 10, 2006

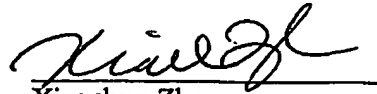
**Confirmation No.:** 7587Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

Subsequent to the filing of a Notice of Appeal on March 16, 2006, and in response to the Final Action dated September 16, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment in the above-identified case.

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Dated: May 10, 2006  
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